FileSave

for Microsoft Windows 3

Saves your work every 10 minutes

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What it does

FileSave asks each of your active applications to save its work every 10 minutes. This is particularly useful if you forget to save things as you work. (It's saved me on a number of occasions). It is also handy if you leave your machine for a while, because everything will have been saved by the time you get back to it.

You can also ask it to do its work at any time (the **Save work now** option), or you can temporarily suspend its work by clicking on the **AutoSave** option, so that it is no longer checked. When you want it to start working again, simply click on **AutoSave** again. The **AutoSave** option also lets you know how long it is until the next save. These options are in the System Menu. **FileSave** exists as an icon at all times.

The easiest way to use **FileSave** is to add it to the **load=** or **run=** line in your **win.ini** file, eg.

        load=filesave.exe control.exe clipbrd.exe

FileSave works by finding all active windows, (both iconised and non-iconised), then looking for a menu bar, and searching through the menu for a 'File' sub-menu, and then scanning that sub-menu for a 'Save' option (but not 'Save as', or 'Save As'). It does this every 10 minutes, but every minute it updates the time listed in the system menu, to tell when the next save will occur.

Warnings!

Be careful, because, while the applications are saving their work, you might (occasionally) lose some key-strokes. For example, Write seems to lose keystrokes while it's saving. Also, if the current document doesn't yet have a name, a dialog box will popup, and some of your keystrokes will be directed into it. These are minor irritations.

If you're like me, and occasionally edit one document to produce a new copy (with a different name), make sure that you save the document under the new name **before** you make any changes to it! Otherwise, **FileSave** might sneak up on you, and save a half modified dosument on top of the old one (that you

wanted to keep).

What it doesn't do

More complex Windows applications (eg. *MS Word* and *Excel*) often have several document windows open. **FileSave** will only ensure that the top window is saved. *MS Word* does provide a 'Save All' command, but **FileSave** doesn't yet use it. (*Excel* doesn't provide a 'Save All' command).

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Disclaimer

This program is provided to you as is. I have been using it for several months under Windows 3, and I used an earlier version under Windows 2 for many months. As far as I know it causes no other problems than a bit of a delay every 10 minutes while your work is saved. I use it every day on both a 286 and a 386 (in enhanced mode). However, since I can't possibly test it with every Windows application available, and on every type of machine, you will have to test it yourself for your own circumstances. As far as I know, it works correctly with *MS Word, Excel, Paintbrush, Guide, Calendar, PIF Editor*, etc.

A couple of applications (like *Calendar* and *Cardfile*) take a long time to save. You might prefer not to have them always loaded. I'm considering adding an **Exempt** option in the next revision to exempt some applications from the Autosave.

If you note any problems with this program please notify the author:

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ROAM   An application that provides a customizable menu bar. The menu options can send command strings to other applications, or can run other applications. It is particularly useful when using communications programs (by storing command strings for the host machine) and DOS applications. I also use it for running frequently used applications. It provides 8 buttons which can be customised with any function, and is able to start an application in a specified directory, or in the current directory in File Manager. ROAM comes with a set of preprogrammed menu files (Communications, MemoryMate, PKZip, Programs, and a menu for building its own menu files).

RPN   A HP-style (reverse polish) calculator, based on the original HP-35.

ENVIRON   A viewer for environment strings.

FILESAVEA small application that saves your work every 10 minutes.

NEWPAPER   Changes your wallpaper each day, and keeps track of whether each file should be tiled or centered.

REPAPER   Like NewPaper, except that it allows you to keep all your bitmaps in individual .ZIP files. (This saved me more than 3 megabytes of disk space).

CLIPVIEW   Keeps a small window (in the bottom right of your screen) open on the clipboard. Very handy for checking on the clipboard contents.